



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/899,464	07/05/2001	Sundaram Ramakesavan	INTL-0596-US (P11737)	3421

21906 7590 05/18/2006

TROP PRUNER & HU, PC  
8554 KATY FREEWAY  
SUITE 100  
HOUSTON, TX 77024

EXAMINER

GESESSE, TILAHUN

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
2618	

2618

DATE MAILED: 05/18/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments, see page 4-5, filed 2/13/06, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 16-30 under 35 USC 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Fumarolo et al.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 16-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Fumarolo et al (US 6,204,844).

Claim 16, Fumarolo teaches a display-based terminal (101) employs a method and apparatus for dynamically grouping communication units (105-113) (see abstract lines 1-3). Fumarolo teaches the display-based terminal receives a map (300, 400) from a communication system (100), the map is considered "character set independent information" (see figs. 3 and 4), about participant's location in ad hoc network, as defined by the specification lines 6-8 on page 1, "involves the establishment of a communications session between a plurality of devices operating under a common

Art Unit: 2618

wireless communication protocol" in this case a system that provide for dynamic regrouping for communication units into a common talk group in an agent, see col. 2 lines 10-12, Fumarolo's communication system is ad hoc system.

Fumarolo teaches receive users selection from a map "character set independent information" communication units (505 of fig.5).

Fumarolo teaches automatically transmitting the character set independent information about a particular to other participant in the group communication system (see col. 1, lines 55-68).

Claim 21, Fumarolo teaches an article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system, (see col. 5 lines 6-16 and fig.2).

Claims 17 and 22, Fumarolo teaches receiving an audio file that identifies a participant (See column 8, lines 32-50).

Claims 18-19 and 23-24, Fumarolo teaches receiving a user selectable to receive additional information (col. 8, 53-68).

Claims 20 and 25, Fumarolo teaches receiving an image identifying a participant receive users selection from a map "character set independent information" communication units (505 of fig.5).

Claim 26, Fumarolo teaches a system comprising: a processor (121), a storage (123) coupled to the processor storing instructions that enable the processor to handle character set independent information about a participant (see fig.2 and col. 5, line 6-16) and transmit the information to another participant (see col. 1, lines 55-68).

Art Unit: 2618

Claim 27, Fumarolo teaches receiving an audio file that identifies a participant (See column 8, lines 32-50).

Claims 28-29, Fumarolo teaches receiving a user selectable to receive additional information (col. 8, line 53-68).

Claim 30, Fumarolo teaches receiving an image identifying a participant receive users selection from a map "character set independent information" communication units (505 of fig.5).

### **Conclusion**

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tilahun B Gesesse whose telephone number is 571-272-7879. The examiner can normally be reached on flexible schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899.

The Central FAX Number is 571-273-8300. For patent related correspondence, hand carry deliveries must be made to the Customer Service Window (now located at the Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314), and facsimile transmissions must be sent to the Central FAX number, unless an exception applies.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through

Application/Control Number: 09/899,464

Page 5

Art Unit: 2618

Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

5/11/06  
  
TILAHUN GESESSE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER